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Ms. Karen Majcher  
Vice President- High Cost Low Income Division  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Montana


RE: USF Certification B FCC WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Madam,

Enclosed for filing in FCC WC Docket No. 10-90 and FCC WC Docket No. 14-58 is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The undersigned carrier has also filed this affidavit with the Montana Public Service Commission that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2016, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support for which it is eligible.

Sincerely,

  
Remi Sun  
Chief Financial Officer  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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cc: Montana Public Service Commission

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2016	)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Annual Certification of Montana Eligible	)	
Telecommunications Carriers for 2017	)	Docket No. N2016.4.37
High Cost and Low-Income Support	)	

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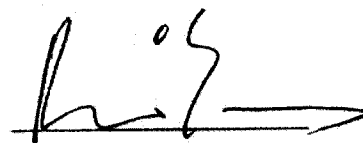
**AFFIDAVIT OF REMI SUN**

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I, Remi Sun, being duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc., SAC 482247. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. Per CFR 47 §54.314(a), Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc., used all federal high-cost support in 2015, and will use 2017 support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended (see CFR 47 §54.7 and §54.101).
3. Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has complied with all applicable reporting requirements per CFR 47 §54.313, §54.422, §54.304, and §54.1009(c).
4. Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. does provide federal Lifeline and Tribal Linkup services to low income customers per the provisions of CFR 47, §54-Subpart E – Universal Service Support for Low-Income Consumers.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016

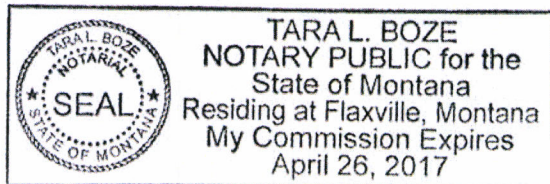


Remi Sun  
Chief Financial Officer  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

State of Montana

County of Daniels

Signed and sworn to before me on 8-25-16 by Remi Sun  
Date Print name of signer



Tara L Boze  
Notary Public



August 25, 2016

Chairman Brad Johnson  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
PO Box 202601  
Helena, MT 59620-2601

**RE: Montana PSC 2016 ETC Certification to the FCC for 2017 Federal  
Universal Service Support, PSC Docket No. N2016.4.37**

Dear Chairman Johnson:

Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Nemont), SAC 482247, a rural incumbent local exchange carrier operating in Northeast Montana, respectfully requests 2016 certification by the PSC to the FCC and USAC for 2017 federal high cost fund support.

As the Chief Financial Officer of Nemont, I have executed the enclosed affidavit certifying that Nemont used all funds received under the federal Universal Fund high cost support program in 2015, and will use the funds received in 2017, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this certification, please contact me by telephone at 1-406-783-2200.

Sincerely,

Remi Sun  
Chief Financial Officer  
Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Federal Communications Commission  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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